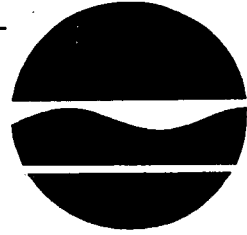


**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Remediation
Bureau of Hazardous Site Control
50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-7010**



**John P. Cahill
Commissioner**

March 31, 1998

**Mr. Peter Koutroubis
BRAC Environmental Coordinator
Department of the Army
New York Area Command and Fort Hamilton
Directorate of Public Works, Bldg. 129
Environmental Division
Brooklyn, NY 11252-6800**

**Re: Preliminary Data - Sediment Sampling in Little Bay
Fort Totten (BRAC Area)
NYSDEC Site ID #241017A**

Dear Peter:

I have received and reviewed the above-mentioned sediment data from samples collected in December 1997 by your consultant (ICF Kaiser Engineers, Inc.).

Based on this data, it appears that the mercury contamination found within the BRAC property sediments is the result of tidal action moving contaminated sediment from the Coast Guard property onto the BRAC property, and not from disposal of mercury on the BRAC property. Therefore, it is my opinion that no further work should be conducted within this area using BRAC funds. Any future work should be conducted by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District under the FUDS program (i.e. the group handling the Coast Guard investigation).

If you have any questions or comments on this letter, please contact me at (518) 457 - 0639.

Sincerely,

**David K. Harrington
Environmental Engineer 1
Eastern Investigation Section
Bureau of Hazardous Site Control**

A:\fttotten9.ltr.wpd

**cc: D. Mather, EPA - Region 2
V. Cardona, BERA**

369907

